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Congressman Dent votes for responsible spending bill that bolsters troop safety, border security and hurricane recovery and protection

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today voted for a supplementary spending package to support our troops in the field, bolster homeland defense and pay for rebuilding efforts in the Gulf States hit by Hurricane Katrina last year. H.R. 4939, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery for Fiscal Year 2006, passed the House on Wednesday.

“I’m pleased with this bill, because it focuses our priorities on safety and security for Americans here and abroad,” Congressman Dent said. “I am particularly pleased that we maintained the \$1.9 billion for stronger border security that we passed last year.”

Congressman Dent further lauded the fiscal responsibility of the bill. The final version removed an additional \$14 billion added by the Senate that the House deemed unnecessary spending.

Highlights of H.R. 4939, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery for Fiscal Year 2006, include:

- \$890 million for up-armored Humvees to protect our military men and women;

- Almost \$2 billion for improvised explosive device (IED) countermeasures;
- \$4.85 billion to train and equip Iraqi and Afghan security forces;
- \$66 million for the promotion of democracy in Iran;
- \$1.9 billion to strengthen U.S. border security;
- \$6 billion for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund; and
- \$3.7 billion for flood control projects and levee repairs.

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